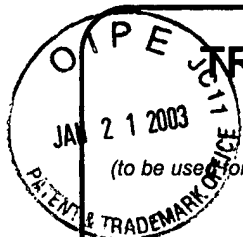


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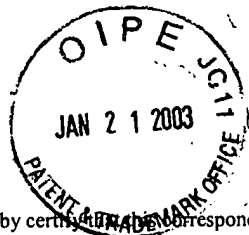
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In response to the Office Action mailed December 16, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 20, 31 and 32.

Please amend claims 1, 22, 25, 26 and 27 and add claims 33-34 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method of specifically detecting the *Bacillus anthracis* surface array protein SEQ ID NO:1 in a test sample, the method comprising:
- contacting a test sample with a first antibody that specifically binds to *Bacillus anthracis* surface array protein as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1, wherein the first

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